"Sea Bird" Naval Dock yard Project at Karwar

2011. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that project "Sea Bird", a Naval Dock Yard at Karwar is likely to come up during the current plan period; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Master Plan and the Detailed Project Report in respect of the Project have been prepared. Most of the scientific and technical studies have also been completed. Acquisition of private land required for the Project is under progress. The Project cost is being reviewed and revised to obtain revised sanction of Government. The first phase of the Project is likely to be completed in 10—12 years, subject to the requisite funds being available.

Impact of Liberalised Import on Electronic Industry

2012. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the impact of liberalised import of electronic equipment and computers on the indigenous industry in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what measures Government propose to take to provide relief to the indigenous electronic industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The liberalised baggage rules, recently announced by the Government are not expected to have any adverse impact on the domestic electronics industry;

(b) The question of any specific relief to the indigenous industry due to the relaxation in the baggage rules does not arise. However, the following measures have been taken by the Government to give relief to the domestic electronics industry to face global competition.

(i) Consumer electronic items and computers (not exceeding CIF value of Rs. 1.5 lakhs) are among the 11 electronic items in the negative list of Export Import Policy 1992—97. The import of these items is not permitted without a licence.

(ii) In the budget 1993-94, Government have already provided relief to electronic equipments through reduction in customs duty on components and reduction in excise duty on equipments. These measures will go a long way in helping the domestic equipments industry in making the production viable.

Revision in Rates of DA

@2013. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a tripartite Committee has already recommended revision of rate of dearness allowance to Rs. 2 per point increase in the wholesale price index;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when Government would take a decision in this regard.

@Previously Unstarred Question 914, transferred from 2nd March, 1993.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Tripartite DA Committee are under active consideration of the Government.

Joint venture companies with U.S.A.

@@2014. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Delays putting off U. S. Investors" appearing in Hindustan Times dated 17th February, 1993; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in finalisation of applications of American companies for various joint ventures with Indian companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals are generally cleared within a period of 45 days unless their consideration are pending for appropriate policy decision.

Liberalization of industrial licences

2015. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued guidelines to all the State Governments regarding the liberalisation of trading and industrial licences to the entrepreneurs except on restricted items as per the declared new industrial policy of Govt.; and

(b) if so, when the guidelines were issued and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. However, State Governments have been urged to focus on infrastructure, procedural reforms, setting up facilitation cells and State level co-ordination committees, regular monitoring of entrepreneurs' progress etc. in order to attract industries to their respective States.

(b) Does not arise.

Cement factory in Arunachal Pradesh

2016. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Cement factory in Arunachal Pradesh under joint sector; and

(b) if so, the location with details thereof and when the project is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 731, transferred from 1st March, 1993.